

Remarks:

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-21 are pending in the subject application. Applicant has amended the specification and made an election in order to overcome the Examiner's rejections. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner noted that the Brief Description of the Drawings recites "first embodiment," "second embodiment," "fourth embodiment," etc.; however, there is no recited --third embodiment--. The Examiner noted that Applicant is required to correct this confusion regarding the several embodiments of the invention.

In response to the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has amended the Brief Description of Drawings to correctly list the embodiments noted in the Brief Description of the Drawings in a proper order. Thus, Applicant has asserted a --third embodiment-- into the Brief Description of the Drawings while listing the remaining embodiments in proper order. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to the Brief Description of the Drawings.

The Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably-distinct species of the claimed invention: (1) Figure 2; (2) Figure 3; (3) Figure 4; (4) Figure 5; (5) Figure 7; (6) Figure 9; and (7) Figure 10. The Examiner stated that under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner contends that currently, claim 1 is generic.

The Examiner further asserted that Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. The Examiner

further noted that an argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute those claims which are directed to the patentably-distinct species illustrated in Figure 2 of the subject application. In addition, Applicant asserts that claims 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, and 15 read on the structure disclosed in Figure 2. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine the previously-noted claims in light of the elections made to the species identified in Figure 2 of the subject application.

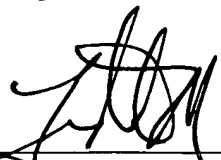
The Examiner also noted that upon allowance of the generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. If claims are added after the election, Applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

In consideration of the amendments and the election made herein, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner continue to prosecute the above-noted patent application.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney, the Applicant's Attorney may be reached at (734) 662-0270 or via electronic mail at tlmyb@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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